

## Veteran Teacher Retires Tomorrow

A long-time Torrance resident, James H. Burchett will lay aside his T-square after 38 years as a drafting instructor. A resident at 1507 El Prado, Burchett spent 20 years as a teacher at Torrance High School and now instructs at Perry Junior High School, Gardena. He will retire from the Los Angeles School District at the age of 62.

Looking back on a career that started in Taft, Calif., in 1918, Burchett noted that during his stay at Torrance, he had taught two generations of the same families and that many of his students had been able to come to him to say, "My Dad remembers you. You taught him too." Burchett is gratified to see how well many of his students turned out.

Honored at Party  
He was honored last week at a Peary School faculty party at the Western Club and his family presented him with a gold watch.

After he got out of the Army in 1918, Burchett went into teaching at Taft, later instructing at Delano, Sanger, and Colton High Schools. He came to Torrance in 1927, teaching until the Torrance Unified School District was formed, in 1947. He also has taught at a num-



JAMES H. BURCHETT  
... 38 Years a Teacher

ber of other schools in the Los Angeles system — at Belmont, Lincoln, Rils, Gardena, and Narbonne High Schools.

**Headed Legion**  
He is a past commander of the Bert M. Crossland Post of the American Legion and now is a reserve officer with the Torrance Police Department.

He and his wife have two daughters and a son — Mrs. Robert Walters, Anaheim; Mrs. Robert Eipper, Lomita; and James Burchett Jr., Wilmington.

Burchett has no special plans for his retirement except more work on his two hobbies — his work shop and his garden.

## Burglar Gets 3 Packs of Cigarettes

The person who broke into the Verdes Cafe, 3670 Pacific Coast Hwy., Tuesday, had the cigarette habit.

After entering the cafe by prying the rear door open, the suspect took only three packages of cigarettes from a vending machine.

Police said the back of the machine had been pried open, the cigarettes and some change taken.

The burglar evidently left in haste as 90 cents was left scattered on the floor, according to police.

## Water

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everybody is watering their lawns, taking water out of the lines. There just isn't enough water pressure left to get up to the homes on the hill."

**Reservoir Down**  
The city reservoir on Crenshaw has gone down from 22 feet to as low as 6 feet. Tuesday night pressure was back up to only 12 1/2 feet.

Shortages of water pressure have occurred before, but never like the city has experienced in the last few days, McVicar said.

Water pressure usually falls below normal in every heat wave which occurs after a cold spell, declared McVicar.

"Everybody rushes right out and starts to water everything in sight."

**Relief in Store**  
Some relief is in store for the hard-hit southwest section within the next four months, according to city officials.

Currently two 12-inch lines service the area. However, the city is now advertising for bids for a 24-inch feed line on Highway 101 to Crenshaw and a 16-inch line on Hawthorne Ave. from Torrance to Sepulveda Blvd.

The installation of the two lines is expected to be completed in three months after the contract has been awarded.

**Curtain Watering**  
Meanwhile, water department officials urged residents in all areas of Torrance to water their lawns only when necessary until after the heat wave breaks.

Torrance fire officials said that there would be a serious threat only in case of a large fire in the affected areas. The fire trucks carry a supply of water and equipment is designed to "pull" the water from the mains for a limited time.

## Gun Club Scene of Trap Shoot Sunday

A trap shoot will be held next Sunday, 9:30 a.m. at the South Coast Gun Club on MacArthur Blvd.

Prizes will be turkeys and hams.

## Hinckleys to Honor Son With Party

Open house will be held Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Hinckley, 24103 Narbonne Ave., in honor of their son, Lt. Col. Frank Hinckley.

Col. Hinckley will be the graduation speaker at Narbonne High School tomorrow, at 5 p.m. The class chose him as a speaker naming him an outstanding alumnus of the school.

He attended Narbonne and was graduated in the Class of 1936.

Col. Hinckley now is commander of the Navigation Training Squadron at Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Tex.

He is also scheduled to be honored at a luncheon this noon at the Wayfarer's Restaurant, sponsored by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

## Foley Cited for Having Refuse Along Streets

Charges of depositing manure and garbage adjacent to city streets have been filed against Francis Foley in connection with the removal of the hog farms from the city.

The complaint will be heard this morning in South Bay Municipal Court.

Foley was one of three hog farm operators who removed the last of their swine from the Torrance city limits last Saturday. A deadline was set up by the City Council three years ago, ordering that for health reasons, the hogs be moved from the city. The other owners are George Green and Lester Kazarian.

The complaint charged that Foley allowed the refuse to accumulate near public streets, making a health hazard. His farm is located at Madrona and Spencer.

## July 1 Trial Scheduled on Dope Charge

Neil Brian Schurman, 21208 W. 262nd St., will be held to answer in Long Beach Superior Court on July 1 on charges of possession of narcotics, as the result of action in South Bay Municipal Court, Monday.

The complaint was filed in connection with a June 6 incident in which sheriff's deputies reported that Schurman and a 17-year-old companion were found on a lawn at 25038 Woodward Ave., Lomita.

The car in which they had been riding had side-swiped another car and was parked in front of the house where they were found. Deputies said they found marijuana in the car.

Charges of driving while under the influence of narcotics against Schurman were dropped.

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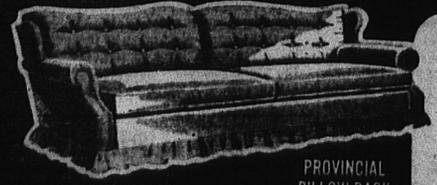
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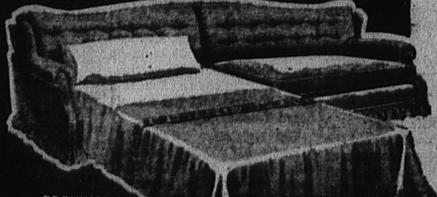
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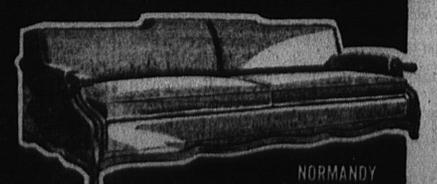
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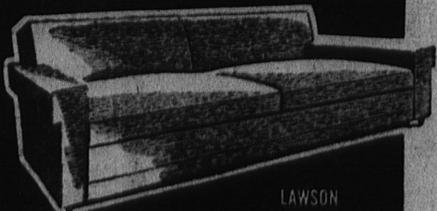
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